AGE OF AQUINAS

a Bay Area group for Christian singles 40+

Next Shoreline hike: Saturday, December 20, 9:00 am

Hike Report -- Shoreline:

It was a small group this morning until 3 or 4 minutes after the "last" minute when a number of late arrivals doubled our number. It was clear and beautiful, but breezy and chilly. We theorized that the temperature had thickened our lubricants which slowed us down some. On the other hand the brisk nip in the air tended to inspire us to stride a little faster to keep warm.

Interesting sights along the way to our "benchmark" over in the Palo Alto Baylands included a circling hawk who was being followed by a seagull who looked like he really wanted to be a hawk in his next life. I wonder if that gull was any relation to Jonathon Livingston Seagull? There was another circling bird of prey on the way back that we couldn't identify, unless it was a Northern Harrier. Uninterested in the hawks were a row of a least a half dozen Snowy Egrets at the water's edge, headed up by a single Great Egret. Unusual to see that many Egrets in one place!

We all found tables inside, back at the café, due to the windy chill outside. Inside the atmosphere was warm and friendly. You don't want to miss it next Saturday!

Coming up in January, the ***Fifth Anniversary Dance*** has been **moved to the 31st.** We have the ***Sharp Nines*** back this time, so plan on coming and dancing to live music next month. The next **Edgewood hike** is on the **3rd**, and the first **Saturday Hike SOUTH** will be on the **10th!** For a complete rundown on all the latest events, visit: http://paloaltocatholic.org/aofa.html.

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Saturday, December 20, @ 9 am: Shoreline Park Hike & Coffee

Meet at *Lakeside Cafe* in Mountain View's Shoreline Park at 9 am. We'll start off from there and walk for about a half hour, then turn around and walk a half hour back to the café for coffee and/or brunch about 10:00 or 10:15 am. You don't have to make the hike to come to coffee! The hikes go on regardless of temperature, sky condition, or precipitation state!

Directions to Lakeside Café:

From northbound 101, take the Shoreline Blvd exit (*CAUTION!* Slow down! Tight off-ramp curve!) and turn right at the light (NOTE: *No* right on red).

From southbound 101, take the Shoreline Blvd exit and turn left at the light.

Once on Shoreline Blvd, follow it about 2 miles to the Lakeside Cafe parking lot. We will gather near the breezeway between the cafe and the aquatic center.

Map:

http://maps.yahoo.com/maps_result?addr=3160+n+shoreline+blvd&csz=mountain+view+ca++94043

More information: Visit http://paloaltocatholic.org/aofa.html, call Randy on 408.739.2881 or Email: age-of-aquinas@paloaltocatholic.org.

***** These hikes are every Saturday *****